

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 336, nays 86, answered “present” 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 47]

YEAS—336

Ackerman	Cubin	Hansen
Allard	Cunningham	Hastert
Andrews	Danner	Hastings (FL)
Archer	Davis	Hastings (WA)
Armey	de la Garza	Hayes
Bachus	Deal	Hayworth
Baesler	DeLay	Hefley
Baker (CA)	Deutsch	Hefner
Baker (LA)	Diaz-Balart	Heineman
Baldacci	Dickey	Herger
Ballenger	Dicks	Hilleary
Barcia	Dingell	Hilliard
Barr	Doggett	Hobson
Barrett (NE)	Doolittle	Hoekstra
Bartlett	Dornan	Hoke
Barton	Doyle	Holden
Bass	Dreier	Horn
Bateman	Duncan	Hoyer
Bentsen	Dunn	Hunter
Bereuter	Durbin	Hutchinson
Bevill	Edwards	Hyde
Bilbray	Ehlers	Inglis
Bilirakis	Ehrlich	Istook
Bishop	Emerson	Jackson-Lee
Bliley	Engel	(TX)
Blute	English	Jacobs
Boehrlert	Ensign	Jefferson
Boehner	Everett	Johnson (SD)
Bonilla	Ewing	Johnson, Sam
Bono	Fawell	Jones
Borski	Fazio	Kanjorski
Brewster	Fields (LA)	Kaptur
Browder	Fields (TX)	Kasich
Brown (FL)	Filner	Kelly
Brown (OH)	Flanagan	Kennedy (RI)
Brownback	Foley	Kennelly
Bryant (TN)	Forbes	Kildee
Bunn	Ford	Kim
Bunning	Fowler	King
Burr	Fox	Kingston
Burton	Franks (CT)	Klink
Buyer	Franks (NJ)	Klug
Callahan	Frelinghuysen	Knoellberg
Calvert	Frist	Kolbe
Camp	Frost	LaHood
Canady	Funderburk	Lantos
Cardin	Gallely	Largent
Castle	Ganske	Latham
Chabot	Gekas	LaTourette
Chambliss	Gephardt	Laughlin
Chenoweth	Geren	Lazio
Chrysler	Gilchrest	Leach
Clement	Gillmor	Levin
Clinger	Gilman	Lewis (CA)
Clyburn	Gingrich	Lewis (KY)
Coble	Gonzalez	Lightfoot
Coburn	Goodlatte	Linder
Coleman	Goodling	Lipinski
Collins (GA)	Gordon	Livingston
Combest	Goss	LoBiondo
Condit	Graham	Longley
Cooley	Green	Lucas
Costello	Greenwood	Luther
Cox	Gunderson	Maloney
Cramer	Gutierrez	Manton
Crane	Gutknecht	Manzullo
Crapo	Hall (TX)	Martinez
Creameans	Hancock	Martini

Mascara	Poshard
Matsui	Pryce
McCollum	Quillen
McCrery	Quinn
McDade	Radanovich
McHugh	Rahall
McInnis	Ramstad
McIntosh	Regula
McKeon	Riggs
McNulty	Rivers
Meehan	Roberts
Meek	Roemer
Menendez	Rogers
Metcalf	Rohrabacher
Meyers	Ros-Lehtinen
Mica	Rose
Miller (FL)	Roth
Molinar	Roukema
Mollohan	Royce
Montgomery	Salmon
Moorhead	Sanford
Murtha	Saxton
Myers	Scarborough
Myrick	Schaefer
Neal	Schiff
Nethercutt	Schumer
Neumann	Scott
Ney	Seastrand
Norwood	Sensenbrenner
Nussle	Shadegg
Ortiz	Shaw
Orton	Shays
Oxley	Shuster
Packard	Sisisky
Pallone	Skeen
Parker	Skelton
Paxon	Smith (MI)
Peterson (FL)	Smith (NJ)
Peterson (MN)	Smith (TX)
Petri	Smith (WA)
Pickett	Solomon
Pombo	Souder
Pomeroy	Spence
Porter	Spratt
Portman	Stearns

NAYS—86

Abercrombie	Harman	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Hinchey	Payne (NJ)
Becerra	Hostettler	Payne (VA)
Beilenson	Houghton	Pelosi
Berman	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Bonior	Johnson (CT)	Reed
Boucher	Johnson, E. B.	Richardson
Brown (CA)	Johnston	Roybal-Allard
Campbell	Kennedy (MA)	Rush
Clay	Klecza	Sabo
Conyers	LaFalce	Sanders
Coyne	Lewis (GA)	Sawyer
DeFazio	Lincoln	Schroeder
DeLauro	Lofgren	Serrano
Dellums	Lowe	Skaggs
Dixon	Markey	Stark
Dooley	McDermott	Studds
Eshoo	McHale	Torres
Evans	McKinney	Towns
Farr	Miller (CA)	Velazquez
Fattah	Minge	Vento
Flake	Mink	Waters
Foglietta	Moakley	Watt (NC)
Frank (MA)	Moran	Waxman
Furse	Morella	Williams
Gejdenson	Nadler	Woolsey
Gibbons	Oberstar	Wynn
Hall (OH)	Obey	Yates
Hamilton	Oliver	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Owens

NOT VOTING—9

Bryant (TX)	Clayton	McCarthy
Chapman	Collins (IL)	Slaughter
Christensen	Collins (MI)	Stokes

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Mr. WYNN and Ms. FURSE changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. RIVERS changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 47 on H.R. 927 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, March 6, 1996, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 47, on final passage of H.R. 927, the Cuban Liberty Act conference report, because I had to go to my ophthalmologist for an emergency procedure.

Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the conference report just adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES TO COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT TO OBTAIN TESTIMONY ON THE WHITE HOUSE TRAVEL OFFICE MATTER

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-472) on the resolution (H. Res. 369) to provide to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight special authorities to obtain testimony for purposes of investigation and study of the White House Travel Office matter, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EVERETT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BILIRAKIS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. POMEROY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. POMEROY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WELDON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. TOWNS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. TOWNS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Hawaii [Mrs. MINK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. MINK of Hawaii addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DUNCAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE ISSUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I just came to the floor because my calendar says it is March 6.

My whole problem is I cannot figure out when we are going to get our work done.

It seems to me, if it is March 6, that means we are almost halfway through this fiscal year, we still have four bills that have not been signed, we still have the debt ceiling issue, we still have the fact that we can shut Government down at any moment, and what we are hearing from the primaries out there, where the people are really being able to speak, is they think we have missed the whole boat, that this issue is really about the average American family and how they keep the middle-class American working standard.

So, Mr. Speaker, let us talk about that, what that is and how we have not done anything for that.

Mr. Speaker, the American people feel we have really missed the boat, we have missed the core challenge, and that is helping America's working fam-

ilies, the ones who work, the ones who get up every morning, the ones who are struggling like mad, the ones who feel like one of those hamsters in a wheel where they run faster and faster every year, their tongues are hanging out, and yet they feel they do not get out of the bottom of that wheel.

Now one of the things that we have not done that would help, we are going to see a lot of photo ops with these people, but these people really do not care about photo ops. They really care about some policy that would help them. Let us start with the minimum wage.

The minimum wage is the lowest it has been in 40 years. When I went to college, I was able to work my way through college. College tuition has gone way, way up, and the minimum wage has stayed way down here. It is almost impossible for a young person today to work their way through college and finish before they are 80 years old. So the minimum wage is terribly important to try and help people to be able to support themselves better.

Let us look at medical care. Medical care is very critical. We have got the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill moving in the Senate, but we do not see it moving over here. I am the proud cosponsor. I hope many more people become cosponsors. But that, too, helps working families to try and hold that pillar of medical care underneath them and their families as they feel it crumbling.

There is another whole area; that is student loans. People would like to see that pillar be held up because everyone knows their young folks are only going to go as far as their education takes them, and getting an education is terribly costly, especially in this day and age. So doing anything to the student loans is very unfair, and it makes it topple.

When you look at Medicare and Medicaid, those are two other areas that really harm the average working family because especially if the average working family has a child that is handicapped or whatever, they need to be depending on Medicaid to make up the difference. They may have elderly parents who desperately need Medicare, and without Medicare and Medicaid then the families got to dig deeper in their pockets to make this all work.

You know, part of the stress on these young families and part of their frustrations with this body is rather than having pictures they would like a minimum wage increase, they would like an insurance bill, they would like the guarantee that their pensions are not going to be played with. Several times this year we have seen bills saying that corporations could do with their pensions what Orange County, CA, did with their funds. That does not make you sleep very well at night. They want to be sure education is guaranteed in the future, and they want to know there is a future.

I think we really need to roll up our shirtsleeves and get to work here. I

mean here we are. Yesterday we were out early; here we are today, we are out early. I do not know what we are doing. We have not gotten the budget done, we have not gotten our work done, and we are not addressing the issues that voters all over America, in State after State as these primaries roll through, say are front and center. They are saying please listen to us. We are the ones that support the Government; why does the Government not support the policies we want?

You know we are going to lose their support of the Government. That is one of the things that feeds the cynicism so much. We will lose their support of the Government if we are not listening to them and providing those policies.

So I just want to say I am sure where everybody lives there will soon be a photo op near them with politicians running around trying to have pictures taken with little kids, with working people, in front of a hospital deploring hospital costs, whatever. But when you see that photo op, think about how does it translate into policy, how does that person vote, what do they cosponsor? That is the reality. The picture is not the reality, the record is the reality, and I think working men and women are going to be looking for those records, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. TIAHRT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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THE GOVERNMENTS OF SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, JAPAN, AND EUROPE OWE THE UNITED STATES A RESPONSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EVERETT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GEJDENSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, the tragedies in Israel over the last several weeks are something that all of us have to pay close attention to. I am proud that the American Government and President Clinton have led the effort to try to build a real and lasting peace in the Middle East. But many of our friends in countries who have benefited from America's generosity and America's courage have not only not helped us in this struggle for peace, but have actually supported the opponents of peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, today I will be sending letters to the Governments of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to ask them what they are doing to try to stop the attacks on innocent Israeli civilians by Hamas. I will be sending the same letter, virtually, to the Governments of France, England, Germany, and Japan. Their continuing trade with Iran, dealing with Iran as if it was one of the civilized nations of the world, continues